

**WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSION
RENO CITY COUNCIL
SPARKS CITY COUNCIL**

JOINT MEETING

TUESDAY

9:00 A.M.

JULY 15, 2003

PRESENT:

David Humke, Washoe County Commissioner, Chairman*
Jim Shaw, Washoe County Commissioner, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Washoe County Commissioner
Bonnie Weber, Washoe County Commissioner

Robert A. Cashell, City of Reno, Mayor
Dwight Dortch, Reno City Councilmember
Toni Harsh, Reno City Councilmember
Sharon Zadra, Reno City Councilmember*

Tony Armstrong, City of Sparks, Mayor
Phil Salerno, Sparks City Councilmember, Mayor Pro-Tem
Michael Carrigan, Sparks City Councilmember
Geno Martini, Sparks City Councilmember
John Mayer, Sparks City Councilmember
Ron Schmitt, Sparks City Councilmember

ABSENT:

Pete Sferrazza, Washoe County Commissioner
Dave Aiazzi, Reno City Councilmember
Pierre Hascheff, Reno City Councilmember
Jessica Sferrazza, Reno City Councilmember

The Board and Councils met in joint session in the Reno City Council Chambers, Reno City Hall, 490 South Center Street, Reno, Nevada. Also present were Washoe County Manager Katy Singlaub, Deputy District Attorney Paul Lipparelli, County Clerk Amy Harvey, Reno City Manager Charles McNeely, Reno City Attorney Patricia Lynch, Reno City Clerk Lynnette Jones, Sparks City Manager Shaun Carey and Sparks Deputy City Clerk Lenda Azcarate. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerks called the roll for their respective entities, and the Commission and Councils conducted the following business:

03-788 AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Councilmember Salerno, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, it was ordered

that the agenda for the July 15, 2003 joint meeting be approved with the following amendment: Delete Item No. 7, concerning discussion and direction on selection of the 7th Member for the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) Board. It was noted the Reno City Council did not have a quorum and did not vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, complimented the firefighters. He discussed bureaucrats' salaries, waste and the media. He sang The Ballad of the Reno News Regurgitators.

***9:14 a.m.** Councilmember Zadra arrived at the meeting and the City of Reno had a quorum.

Al Hesson, retired Navy veteran, read a letter to the editor of *USA Today* concerning the economy. He said the \$11,000 Board of County Commission salary increase exceeds most senior citizens' Social Security benefits.

03-789 MINUTES

On motion by Councilmember Salerno, seconded by Councilmember Zadra, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the minutes of the joint meeting of March 18, 2003 be approved.

***9:20 a.m.** Chairman Humke arrived at the meeting.

03-790 FREQUENCY OF JOINT MEETINGS

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, suggested increasing the frequency of joint meetings or at least continue to have monthly meetings.

Mayor Armstrong suggested quarterly meetings and Councilmember Harsh spoke in favor of monthly meetings. Councilmember Schmitt said he was concerned there was no dialogue concerning why the entities would go from monthly to quarterly meetings. He stated the agenda items should be looked at closer.

On motion by Councilmember Salerno, seconded by Councilmember Martini, which motion duly carried with Councilmember Schmitt voting "no," Mayor Armstrong ordered that joint meetings be held quarterly, and special meetings be held when needed.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Humke ordered that joint meetings be held quarterly, and special meetings be held when needed.

Councilmember Dortch moved, seconded by Councilmember Zadra, to hold joint meetings quarterly and special meetings when needed. The motion failed on a vote of three to one, with Councilmember Harsh voting "no". Patricia Lynch, Reno City Attorney, advised the Council that four votes were needed for the motion to pass.

Following discussion, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Councilmember Martini, Mayor Cashell ordered that the next joint entity meeting be scheduled for October 21, 2003.

03-791 **REPORT – MUNICIPAL COURT/DISTRICT ATTORNEY
BUILDING – DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, NAME**

Sam Dehne, local resident, said the City of Sparks should be involved with this item because the District Attorney has jurisdiction over Sparks.

Richard Gammick, District Attorney, stated if the building is to be named after an individual, he suggested naming it the Mills B. Lane Justice Center.

On motion by Councilmember Zadra, seconded by Councilmember Dortch, which motion duly carried, Mayor Cashell ordered that the Municipal Court/District Attorney building be named the Mills B. Lane Court Complex.

On motion by Councilmember Salerno, seconded by Councilmember Martini, which motion duly carried, Mayor Armstrong ordered that the Municipal Court/District Attorney building be named the Mills B. Lane Court Complex.

On motion by Chairman Humke, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, it was ordered that the Municipal Court/District Attorney building be named the Mills B. Lane Court Complex.

Gary Stockhoff, City of Reno Public Works Deputy Director, said the project is on budget and on schedule.

03-792 **REPORT – LAW ENFORCEMENT CONSOLIDATION**

Ron Dreher, representing the professional officers of the Reno Police Protective Association and the professional officers of the Peace Officers Research Association of Nevada, said the members of the Washoe County Deputies Association, the Supervisors Association, the Reno Police Protective Association, the Sparks Police Protective Association and members of all of the law enforcement associations throughout Washoe County are committed to opening consolidation discussions with all entities, not just Washoe County and Reno.

Bill Ames, Washoe County Sheriff's Deputies Association, submitted a comment card in favor of consolidation.

On motion by Chairman Humke, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Mayor Cashell ordered that staff be directed to continue discussions on possible law enforcement consolidation and report back to the joint entity.

03-793 **REPORT – PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENTS
CONSOLIDATION**

Nancy MacCartney, City of Reno Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, and Karen Mullen, Washoe County Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed status reports. Ms. Mullen explained Washoe County's primary mission is to provide regional parks and open space trails, with minimal recreation services. She stated the City's primary mission is more urban and reflects higher levels of recreation programs, arts and culture and urban landscape services.

Ramona Cruz, Incline Village General Improvement District Controller, said they are interested in consolidation and she agreed with moving forward with identifiable efficiencies. She suggested looking harder when there is a cost involved and hopefully there would be increased services.

Following discussion, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Humke ordered that the status reports from Washoe County staff and City of the Reno staff on the study of consolidation of parks and recreation departments be accepted. It was further ordered that staff be directed to move forward on efficiencies identified in those reports, and not to seek additional efficiencies at this time.

10:17 a.m. Councilmember Salerno left the meeting.

Councilmember Dortch said he does have reservations concerning abandoning complete consolidation.

On motion by Councilmember Harsh, seconded by Councilmember Dortch, which motion duly carried, Mayor Cashell ordered that the status reports from Washoe County staff and the City of Reno staff on the study of consolidation of parks and recreation departments be accepted. It was further ordered that staff be directed to move forward on efficiencies identified in those reports, and not seek additional efficiencies at this time.

03-794 **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – WASHOE COUNTY AND CITY
OF RENO – TRANSFER PARK LANDS UPON ANNEXATION**

Nancy MacCartney, City of Reno Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, and Karen Mullen, Washoe County Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the staff report. Ms. Mullen explained Washoe County's budget would decrease and the City would increase their budget and collect taxes in the areas annexed. She stated this only relates to neighborhood parks, not the larger parks. Ms. MacCartney

stated there does not need to be a change in ownership, and it could be looked at on a contractual basis in terms of maintenance efficiencies identified in the previously discussed item. Ms. Mullen explained these types of ownership transfers have occurred in the past for efficiency.

On motion by Councilmember Zadra, seconded by Councilmember Dortch, which motion duly carried, Mayor Cashell ordered that this item be continued.

Commissioner Galloway noted Washoe County approved this item at a Board of County Commission meeting.

03-795 SELECTION OF ITEMS – OCTOBER JOINT MEETING

Mayor Armstrong requested fiscal equity on an agenda and recommended the entities' Managers get together and select the top five fiscal equity issues. Mayor Cashell suggested an agenda on which that would be the only item. Commissioner Galloway recommended an item allowing staffs to explain the disagreements and Commissioner Weber suggested a workshop. Mayor Cashell asked that the Managers of the three entities get together and report back on the fuel tax distribution. Commissioner Shaw asked that discussion and direction on selection of the 7th member for the Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board be on the next agenda. Chairman Humke asked that the law enforcement consolidation update be on every quarterly agenda. Councilmember Harsh requested a status report concerning what is coming out of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) regarding the Rose Commission.

Following discussion, Councilmember Schmitt moved to place the tier two gas tax distribution on the October agenda. There was no second and the motion failed.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

DAVID E. HUMKE, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

AMY HARVEY, County Clerk
and Clerk of the Board of
County Commissioners

ATTEST:

ROBERT A. CASHELL, Mayor
City of Reno

LYNNETTE R. JONES, City Clerk
City of Reno

ATTEST:

TONY ARMSTRONG, Mayor
City of Sparks

DEBORINE J. DOLAN, City Clerk
City of Sparks

*Minutes Prepared By
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